cadets in November, 2001 which has been further enhanced to 13 lakh cadets in October, 2002

Illegal Pakistanis in Rajasthan

307 SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI*

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent reports in media about illegal Pakistan immigrants in border towns of Rajasthan who do not want to return to Pakistan,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the actions taken by Government for their return/safe passage to Pakistan, and

(d) what has been the stand taken by the Pakistan Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) (a) to (d) About 4300 Pak national belonging to minority communities who came to Rajasthan during 1965, 1971 wars and thereafter are reported to be residing there illegally The State Government has been requested to advise them to apply for Indian citizenship Their applications as and when received through the State Government will be processed as per the provisions of the Citizenship Act 1955 and the Rules and Orders framed thereunder.

Reservation for economically weaker sections

308 DR ABRAR AHMED.
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA*

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state*

(a) whether Government propose setting up of a National Commission to examine reservation for economically weaker sections of the society, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central assistance for modernisation of police in Orissa

309 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State has embarked upon modernization of their police force;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this entails huge outlay;

(c) whether Government has rendered financial assistance to the cash-strapped State to help them to achieve the desired objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Government has been extending financial assistance to all the State Governments, including Orissa, through its Scheme for Modernization of the State Police Forces to supplement the efforts of the State Government in this regard. The items for which assistance is extended, *inter-alia* include, construction of Police Stations/ outposts, training institutes, Forensic Science labs, police housing, equipment for intelligence apparatus, scientific aids to investigation, security equipment etc. The total Central annual allocation under the Scheme has been increased to Rs. 1000 crore from 2000-01 onwards, out of which the Central share to Orissa comes to Rs. 30.50 crore. As the Scheme is being operated on 50:50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the State, the total plan annual outlay to Orissa comes to Rs. 61.00 crores. The details of the plans approved, Central funds released to Government of Orissa and Utilization reported by the State Government for the previous three financial years, 2000-01 to 2002-03 given in the enclosed Statement.